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Humanities 101: Writing, Speaking, Thinking

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Office Hours: By appointment
Term: Fall 2019

Meeting Times:

HUM 101-069:	Tuesday/Friday	8:30 – 9:50 PM	341 Central King Building
HUM 101-081:	Tuesday/Friday	10:00 – 11:20 PM	214 Central King Building

Course Description

HUM 101 is an introduction to college-level writing. In this course, students are introduced to *writing's rhetorical dimensions*; they are asked to consider the purpose, audience, occasion, and genre that are called for in a variety of writing, speaking, or visual assignments. The course also focuses on the writing processes, asking students to brainstorm topics, to write drafts, and to revise their writing based on reflection and peer feedback. Writing and reading go hand-in-hand, so students are asked to read challenging articles, essays, and prose, and to consider paintings, films, or other visual compositions. Academic writing begins from the assumption that written, visual, and spoken texts can be in conversation with each other. Thus, the readings serve as both models of effective communication and as beginning places for students' own arguments and analyses.

Prerequisites

Permission of the Humanities Department is required. Entrance is determined by placement score or completion of HUM 099 with a grade of C or better.

Course Goals

During this course you will:

- Gain knowledge of writing's rhetorical dimensions
- Use writing as a tool for critical thinking and reflection
- Practice writing as a process by using various brainstorming, invention, revision, and editing strategies
- Write in several genres that utilize analysis, reflection, narrative, critique, and argument skills
- Practice using the conventions of written, spoken, and visual composition

Required Texts

O'Neill, Megan. Humanities 101: Introduction to Academic Writing (NJIT Custom Textbook; ISBN: 978-1-68036-887-1). 2019.

Access to The OWL at owl.english.purdue.edu

NJIT University Code on Academic Integrity

The New Jersey Institute of Technology is an institution dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge through teaching and research. We expect our graduates to assume positions of leadership within their professions and communities. Honesty in your academic work will develop into professional integrity.

The NJIT Code of Academic Integrity embodies a spirit of mutual trust and intellectual honesty that is central to the very nature of the university and represents the highest possible expression of shared values among the members of the university community.

All assignments submitted shall be considered "graded work" and all aspects of your coursework are covered by the Code on Academic Integrity. All projects and homework assignments are to be completed individually unless otherwise specified.

The full text of the NJIT University Code on Academic Integrity can be found at www.njit.edu/education/pdf/academic-integrity-code-pdf.

Special Needs

Every attempt will be made to accommodate qualified students with disabilities. If you are a student with a documented accommodation, please see me as early in the semester as possible to discuss it, and/or contact Student Disability Services at 973-596-3420.

The Writing Center

The Writing Center (G17 Central King) is available for 45-minute individual and group appointments with professional writing tutors both onsite and online. This resource is intended to help you improve your communication and writing skills. Tutors can help with planning assignments, improving your writing, refining an essay or multimedia project, or other communication-based needs. To make an appointment, please visit <https://njit.mywconline.com>

Assignments & Assessment

Your grade breakdown is as follows:

Participation	5%
Journal/Homework	15%
Essay 1	20%
Essay 2	25%
Essay 3	25%
Oral Presentation	10%

Individual and group work will be evaluated according to the university's grading scale.

A = 100-90	B+ = 89-87	B = 86-80	C+ = 79-77	C = 76-70	D = 69-60	F = 59-0
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Participation, Punctuality and Attendance

All students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes.

Attendance is critical to your success in this class. Participation in in-class activities, discussions, and workshops will contribute to your knowledge, ability, and performance. Participation cannot be demonstrated by chronic absences or sickness, similar to the professional world. At a minimum, this means showing up on time, being prepared, and contributing to class discussions. Your level of engagement with the material will subsequently impact how much you get from the class.

You may miss up to three classes without penalty. Every subsequent unexcused absence will result in a deduction of participation points. More than six unexcused absences (three weeks of the course) can result in the automatic failure of the course.

Students who expect to miss classes because of religious observance must submit to their instructors a written list of dates that will be missed by the end of the second week of classes, September 13, 2019 (per university policy). Students are expected to make up missed work within a week.

The classroom door will remain open for 20 minutes after class begins. Once the time passes, the door will be shut, and attendance will not be permitted. Extenuating circumstances will be handled on a case by case basis.

Please contact your classmates for missed work.

Canvas

Please log into Canvas <https://canvas.njit.edu/> regularly to make sure you stay up-to-date with our class.

Keep in mind that Canvas is new to NJIT, and Prof. Bernstein is a novice at Canvas.

Technology

If you need to get a hold of me, email (larry.d.bernstein@njit.edu) is my preferred method. I will strive to respond to your emails within 24 hours. Please plan accordingly. Remember to maintain an appropriate tone in all school-related correspondence. This means to include an appropriate SUBJECT line and your NAME in all emails. I will not respond to emails that do not include the sender's name.

Cell phones should not be used during class unless needed for a specific activity. Please set them to silent as a courtesy to your classmates and instructor.

Laptops should only be open when we are drafting. For discussions and presentations, they should remain closed.

Late Work

Late work will be penalized. If you are having difficulty completing an assignment, please see me prior to its due date. If you are struggling to meet, the due date, reach out to me as soon as possible.

The Writing Center

The Writing Center (G17 Central King Building) is available for one-hour individual and group appointments with professional writing tutors both onsite and online. This resource is indented to help you improve your communication and writing skills. Tutors can help with planning assignments, improving your writing, refining an essay or multimedia project, or other communication-based needs. For more information, please visit <http://www5.njit.edu/writingcenter/schedule-writing-center-appointment/>

Tues 9/3	Course Overview: Intros, expectations, review of syllabus and course requirements. In class Writing Sample HW Read the following pages from Ch. 1 in the class text: 1-2 preview, 5 – grey box, 8-9, 10-14, 16, 19-20, 25-28, 30-34 If you'd like, feel free to read the entire chapter.
Fri 9/6	Review of chapter one "Coming to An Awareness of Language" by Malcolm X. Discussion HW: Read Chapter 2 of the text.
Tues 9/10	Process Journal Entry Discussion Thesis HW: "Mother Tongue" by Amy Tan "Superman and Me" by Sherman Alexie
Fri 9/13	Compare texts, common themes Journal entry Essay 1 Assigned
Tues 9/17	Read "Shitty First Drafts." by Anne Lamott So What? Samples of past work

Fri 9/20	Writer's Day: Time to draft in class – bring your laptop or pen/paper.
Tues 9/24	First draft of essay 1 due You must bring a hard copy to class!!
Fri 9/27	Read The Face by Benchley Organization Second draft of essay 1 due.
Tues 10/1	No class due to religious holiday
Fri 10/4	Revision Essay Review
Tues 10/8	Journal Entry Mass Shootings Gun Control Final Draft of Essay Number one due HW: Stop Googling. Let's Talk. SOCIAL MEDIA: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE FOMO The FOMO Is Real: How Social Media Increases Depression and Loneliness
Fri 10/11	Journal Claim, Evidence, Analysis Class discussion HW: Read Chapters 4 and 5 of the text
Tues 10/15	No class due to religious holiday
Fri 10/18	Analysis Essay Number two assigned
Tues 10/22	No class due to religious holiday
Fri 10/25	CEA II Writer's Day: Time to draft in class – bring your laptop or pen/paper.
Tues 10/29	First draft of Essay Number two due You must bring a hard copy to class!! Discussion Journal
Fri 11/1	Second draft of Essay Number two due. Survey Youtube Journal
Tues 11/5	CEA III Essay Review
Fri 11/8	Journal Motivational Types
Tues 11/12	Class Discussion Read for HW: "Why Colleges Shower their Students with A's" by Brent Staples "From Degrading to De-Grading" by Alfie Kohn "Can Tough Grades be Fair Grades?" by Samuel G. Freedman Final Draft of Essay Number two due
Fri 11/15	Essay Number three assigned Past work Wordiness, etc.
Tues 11/19	Writer's Day: Time to draft in class – bring your laptop or pen/paper.
Fri 11/22	First draft of Essay Number three due. You must bring a hard copy to class!!
Tues 11/26 11/27, 29	No class Second draft of Essay 3 due

Fri 11/29	No class - Thanksgiving Week
Tues 12/3	Journal Presentation Techniques.
Fri 12/6	In-class presentations
Tues 12/10	In-class presentations



NEED HELP?

KNOW WHO TO CALL

Please note following important numbers that will come in handy in case of emergency:

EXTERNAL RESOURCES	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT NUMBER
Suicide Prevention	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(973) 623-2323 (University Hospital-Newark)
Drug/ Alcohol Addiction	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(877) 630-8262
Crime Victim Compensation Office	Monday – Friday 8 AM – 8 PM	(877) 658-2221
Rape Care Center	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(877) 733-2273 (Essex County)
Sexual Assault Hotline	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(800) 656-HOPE (National)
Psychiatric Emergency	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(973) 924-7416 (Newark Beth Israel Hospital)
NJIT RESOURCES	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT NUMBER
NJIT Public Safety	24 hrs/ 7 days a week	(973) 596-3111 (Emergency) (973) 596-3120 (Non-Emergency)
Dean of Students (TITLE IX – Sexual Misconduct Report/Response)	Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	(973) 596-3466
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)	Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 5 PM	(973) 596-3414
Student Health Services (SHS)	Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	(973) 596-3621